

B.A. (Honours) Semester-V Examination 2014

Comparative Religion

Paper : XV (H-15)

(Bengal Folk & Tribal Traditions)

Time : Three Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Give an account of the main Santal Bongas (gods and goddesses) and their importance in Santal religion. 10
 2. Name the main life-cycle rites of the Santals. What are the significance of life-cycle rites for a Santal and her community? 4+6=10
 3. What kind of relationship do the Ojhas hold with the witches? In this connection give an account of the role of Ojhas in a Santal society. 2+8=10
 4. Discuss the distinguishing characteristics of a *Bāul*. 10
 5. Write a note on the importance of the human body in Baul sādhanā (spiritual practices). 10
 6. Write short notes **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (a) Santal festival
 - (b) Animal sacrifice in Santal religion
 - (c) Bāul songs
 - (d) Man of the heart (Moner Manush)
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